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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 11, 2006, the period of response for which runs through January 11, 2006, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.